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COTTON TECHNOLOGY MISSION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the total production of cotton in 1999-2000 estimated to fall by nearly 10% over the preceding year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to establish CottonTechnology Mission with an outlay of Rs.600 crore to improve both the yield and quality of cotton in the country;

(d) if so, the target fixed for production of cotton under this Mission; and

(e) the exact amount allocated by the Union Government to meet the financial need of this Mission?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)
(a) & (b) : No, Sir. The total production of cotton for the year 1999-2000 is estimated at 121.34 lakh bales as compared to 121.77 lakh bales during preceding year i.e. 1998-99.

(c) to (e): The Government of India has launched a CentrallySponsored Scheme of Technology Mission on Cotton with an outlay of Rs.566.50 crore to improve both the yield and quality of cotton in the country during the remaining years of IX Plan.
The production target of cotton has been fixed at 193 lakh bales of 170 kg. each by the year 2001-2002.

The Technology Mission on Cotton is consisted of four Mini-Missions.The Mini-Mission-I on research is to be implemented by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, while the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is the nodal Department for Mini-Missions-II for increasing production of cotton.The Ministry of Textiles is responsible for the implementation of Mini-Mission-IIIdealing with the development of market infrastructure and Mini- Mission-IV for the modernisation of ginning and pressing factories.
The Government of India has approved Rs.566.50 crore for theimplementation of the Mission for the remaining years of IX Plani.e. 1999-2000 to 2001-2002.

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